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SUBJ DISCRIMINATORY CURTAILMENT OF NATURAL GAS EXPORTS TO U.S.

1. SEPTEMBER 11 OTTAWA JOURNAL CARRIES SHORT NEWS BRIEF THAT ENERGY MINES AND RESOURCES (EMR) MINISTER MACDONALD WILL MEET B.C. OFFICIALS ON SEPTEMBER 19 TO DISCUSS NATURAL GAS SUPPLIES AND PRICES AND THAT HIS OFFICE WOULD BE BETTER ABLE TO COMMENT ON SITUATION REGARDING GAS EXPORTS TO U.S. FROM B.C. AFTER THAT MEETING. ITEM ALSO STATES THAT WASHINGTON STATE SENATORS HAVE ASKED SECRETARY KISSINGER TO TRY TO DISSUADE CANADA FROM CURTAILING NATURAL GAS SUPPLIES TO NORTHWESTERN STATES.

2. IN ATTEMPT TO CONFIRM ABOVE NEWS ITEM, EMBOFF LEARNED FROM EXTAFF THAT MACDONALD MEETING WITH B.C. OFFICIALS WILL IN FACT TAKE PLACE IN OTTAWA TOMORROW, SEPTEMBER 12 AND THAT GOC "GOOD OFFICES" WILL BE USED AT THAT TIME TO APPRISE B.C. OF U.S. CONCERNS OVER GAS PRICES AND CURTAILMENT. ACCORDING TO EXTAFF SOURCE, THIS MEETING WAS NOT REPEAT NOT ARRANGED SOLELY ON BEHALF OF U.S. CONCERNS BUT HAD

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BEEN SCHEDULED FOR GENERAL REVIEW OF GAS PRICES AND

SUPPLIES; NEVERTHELESS, IT COULDN'T HAVE COME AT A
MORE OPPORTUNE MOMENT. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TRYING
TO GET MORE DIRECT CONFIRMATION FROM EMR IN VIEW OF
DISCREPANCY IN DATE REPORTED BY PRESS.
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